(c) Any distinct effect of decline in forest cover on environment and ecology has not been quantified.

**Approval of Shivri-Nhawa-Sheva Link Road and Western Express Highway**

†934. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposal for shivri-Nhawa-Sheva Link Road and Western Express Highway from Worli to Nariman Point is pending with the Ministry for approval;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost thereof;

(c) by when it would be considered; and

(d) the reasons for not considering it till now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The proposal for Shivri-Nhawa-Sheva Link Road at an estimated cost of Rs. 6600 croes including the rail link was received in May 1998 for environmental clearance. The proposal for Worli-Nariman Point Sea Link Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 1500 crores was received in August 1999. Due to inadequate information, these proposals were not considered and the proponents were requested to submit complete details which have not been received.

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† Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.